Welcome to our summer SF event!

July 25, 2023
Agenda

- Introduction
- Our focus on impact and maximizing well-being
- Increasing childhood vaccination
- Partnering with Evidence Action and CHAI
- Cross-cutting research
- Q&A
GiveWell’s approach

- Focus on impact and cost-effectiveness
- Global health and poverty alleviation
- Small number of recommendations
- Thinking at the margin

A child in Burkina Faso (above) swallowing dispersed SPAQ, a preventative anti-malarial medication (right) that will protect them from malaria during the rainy season.

Photo credit to: Malaria Consortium/Sophie Garcia
Our grantmaking

Top Charities Fund
- Four programs that have met our criteria
- Highly confident in the cost-effectiveness
- Funding gaps

All Grants Fund
- Can be allocated to our top charities or newer grantees
- Multiple pathways to impact, can be higher-risk
Why vaccines?

- 5 million under-5 deaths in 2021
- Vaccine preventable deaths key contributor to under-5 mortality
- Many infants not receiving key vaccines
- Vaccines highly effective in protecting against disease

Programs that increase vaccine uptake directly correlate to lives saved
GiveWell's vaccines portfolio

Three investments to increase uptake of routine infant vaccines:

- **Nigeria** - New Incentives' conditional cash transfer program
  - 11 states (~76 M population)
  - ~$116 M granted (2020-2023)

- **Pakistan** - IRD's mobile conditional cash transfer program
  - 7 districts in Sindh province (~15 M population)
  - Up to ~$28 M granted (2021-2023)

- **India** - Suvita's SMS and ambassador program
  - 2 districts in Bihar state; 2-35 districts in Maharashtra state (~137 M population)
  - ~$3 M granted (2023)
## Different interventions for different contexts

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<td>Under 5 mortality rate for unvaccinated children</td>
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<td>Baseline vaccination rates</td>
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<td>Estimated increase in vaccination rates</td>
<td>18%</td>
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Next steps for GiveWell vaccines portfolio

- Continue research on existing interventions, focusing on key uncertainties
- Consider additional models for increasing uptake of routine infant vaccines
- Consider expansion of interventions to new geographies
GiveWell + Partnerships

- Our research process
- Sometimes we identify promising programs but there is no obvious organizational partner to scale up and test
- Goal with partnerships: to support the creation of future top charities and grantees
Evidence Action Accelerator

- Long-standing relationship with GiveWell

- How the Accelerator works:
  - Stage 1 - Screening
  - Stage 2 - Rapid review
  - Stage 3 - Deep dive
  - Stage 4 - Scope and design
  - Stage 5 - Launch
  - Stage 6 - Test at scale
Evidence Action Accelerator

Accelerator has led to several exciting grants, including:

- Dispensers for Safe Water
- In-line water chlorination

*In-line chlorine dispenser. Source: Evidence Action.*
CHAI Incubator

- Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI): large footprint, well-established in health space

- How the Incubator works:
  - Stage 1 - Sourcing
  - Stage 2 - Desktop review
  - Stage 3 - Country review
  - Stage 4 - Small-scale pilot testing
  - Stage 5 - Further study and large-scale implementation
CHAI Incubator

Investigations in progress:

- Many programs in stages 1-3 (scoping and review)
- Stage 4: Malaria treatment (ACT), small-scale pilot ongoing in Kaduna state, Nigeria
Takeaways

• These types of partnerships are valuable
• Enable funding things we wouldn’t otherwise fund
• Benefits of working closely with researchers in other organizations to iterate on program ideas
• Work together to refine program targeting and consider best sources of evidence
• Excited to see what’s ahead!
Research across cause areas

Cross-cutting research

- Clear and consistent standards
- Feedback loops and quality control
- Addressing high priority research Qs
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Thank you!

More resources can be found at www.givewell.org

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